THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Establishment of more National Schools of Drama

3738. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Schools of Drama located in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to establish more such centres in the country specially in Tamil Nadu in the near future;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the locations identified for establishing the same; and

(d) by when the above centres would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) There is only one National School of Drama in the country which is situated in New Delhi.

(b) and (c) On the basis of the recommendations of the Broad Based Committee of the National School of Drama, opening of 5 Regional Schools has been proposed during XIth plan as under:—

(i) upgradation of the existing Regional Resource Centre of NSD at Bangalore into a full fledged regional School; (ii) Kolkata; (iii) Jammu & Kashmir; (iv) Maharashtra/Goa; and (v) Regional Traning Centre in the North East. There is no proposal to set up any such Centre in Tamil Nadu.

(d) It is proposed to operationalise these centers during the XIth Plan period.

Pending culture projects

†3739. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various schemes/programmes recommended/submitted by State Governments remain pending before the Central Government for years without any reason;

(b) if not, the details of guidelines in this regard;

(c) this details of schemes submitted by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh to promote, preserve, expand and encourage the culture and are lying pending before the Central Government; and

(d) by when these schemes are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Facelift of Taj Mahal

3740. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.